

Meeting Minutes
Weed Beach Building Committee
April 25, 2007, 7:30pm
Room 213, Town Hall
Special Meeting

Present: S. Swiatek, P. Hovell, M. Wright, M. Hawley, J. Enters, J. Howe, D. Parnon, P. Hendrickson

Absent: J. Branigan

Guest: John Armatruda, RA, LEED AP, Associate Principal, Viridian Energy & Environmental, LLC

Hovell opened the meeting at 7:45 with a postponement of first agenda item: the discussion and review of building specifications. M. Hawley revised the program specs with some clerical changes. Hovell to distribute updated version.

Hovell met with Neil Hauck, Architect to review the WBBC building program. Hauck is the architect on the Stearns & Wheler (S&W) team. Hovell also spoke with Denise Halstead, S&W Project Manager regarding the WBBC decision to request a proposal from S&W. May 9, the next WBBC meeting, is the deadline for the submission of the S&W proposal to the WBBC.

WBBC to distribute the S&W proposal to Park & Recreation Commission members with a cover letter prior to the May 16 Park & Rec. meeting. This will lay the foundation for a more productive discussion between the Park & Rec. Commission and the WBBC presenters. Enters suggested we include the partnership aspect of this project with respect to the addition of a year round restaurant in our presentation to Park & Rec. The town would provide the building, the restaurateur would finish the interior and outfit the kitchen.

Armatruda arrived at 7:50 to explain the LEED assessment process and give the Weed Beach building project his evaluation with respect to the LEED criteria. He also outlined additional costs associated with pursuing a LEED certified rating: Construction Hard Costs-\$175,000, Commissioning-\$25,000, LEED Registration and Certification Fees-\$2,500 and Soft Costs for Consultants-\$30,000 for an estimated cost of up to \$275,000.

Armatruda suggested that the WBBC look at the categories in the LEED standards to determine what might apply to the Weed Beach project. Typically this certification is more cost effective for larger buildings. WBBC to determine if it is necessary to pursue LEED certification or just work with the architect to include as many environmentally friendly elements as this size building project warrants and our budget allows.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next meeting May 9, 2007 – 7:30pm, Town Hall, Room 213.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Parnon
Secretary